

## Prayer Diary (continued)

10 Mon *From Rabindranath Tagore (1861-1941)* This is my prayer to thee, my Lord – strike, strike at the root of penury in my heart. Give me strength lightly to bear my joys and sorrows. Give me the strength to make my love fruitful in your service. Give me the strength to raise my mind high above daily trifles. Give me strength never to disown the poor or bend my knee before insolent might. And give me strength to surrender my strength to thy will with love.

11 Tue *Rabindranath Tagore* Send me the love which is pure and cool, like your rain that blesses the thirsty earth. Send me the love that would soak down into the centre of being, and from there would like the unseen sap through the branching tree of life, giving birth to fruit and flowers. Send me the love that keeps the heart still with the fullness of peace.

12 Wed That I want only thee, only thee – let my heart repeat without end. All desires that distract me day and night are false and empty to the core – when my rebellion strikes against thy love and still I cry – I want thee, only thee.

13 Thu *From a Jewish prayer by Bera Koth* Close mine eyes from evil and my ears from hearing idle words and my heart from reflecting on unchaste thoughts, and my veins from thinking of transgression, guide my feet to walk in thy commandments and thy righteous ways & may thy mercies be turned upon me.

14 Fri *From Rabbi Jonathan* May it be thy will, O Lord our God, to look upon our shame and behold our evil plight and clothe thyself in thy mercies and cover thyself in thy strength and wrap thyself in thy loving kindness and gird thyself with thy graciousness and may the attributes of thy kindness and gentleness come before Thee.

15 Sat *By Hadith Al Ruyya* Our Father in heaven, may your name be sanctified; your commandment stretches over heaven and earth, may your compassion come upon earth as it is in heaven. Forgive us our sin and wrong doings. You the Lord of all good things, cause your mercy to descend upon us, your healing upon this sickness, and it will be healed.

16 Sun *Christians Against Poverty* Father we thank you for the work of CAP. For the work that is being done to help those who are unable to manage their debt. We give thanks for the founders of the charity and for those who work beside those in need.

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# Wesley Methodist Church

Elm Road, Leigh-on-Sea, Essex

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Notices for the week commencing Sunday 9 October 2016

We extend a very warm welcome to all who are worshipping with us today.

During our building work, coffee and tea are served in the concourse at 10.30 am *before* Sunday morning services when they're taking place in the Canteen Room, and *after* the service at about 12 noon when they're taking place upstairs in Wesley Hall. Please do come if you can.

Please use this notice sheet as a reminder as you pray for the life and work of this church.

A prayer before we worship:  
*God, my creator and my unseen Guide,  
you have led me to this holy place.  
Let a spark of its beauty and your love  
settle in my heart and live with me when I leave.*

<b>Sun 9th</b>		Week of Accompanied Prayer starts
28th in	9 am	Service of Holy Communion led by Rev. Julia Monaghan
Ordinary		
Time	10.30 am	Coffee in the Concourse
	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
	11 am	Morning Worship
		Preacher: Rev. Brian Gameson
		Hymns: STF 364, 358, 378, 645, 440
		Readings: Psalm 66:1-9, 16-20 (STF 812); 2 Timothy 2:8-15
		Porch: Margaret Cotgrove
		Flowers: Given by Mike Bucke and family in loving memory of Rita near her birthday
	6 pm	Circuit Service at Trinity for the accreditation of Margaret Chipandambira and Bob Briant as local preachers
<b>Mon 10th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
	10 am	Wesley Art Group
	8 pm	Wesley Theatre Group
<b>Tue 11th</b>	10 am	Coffee Morning
<b>Wed 12th</b>	9 am	Mid-Week Communion at Belfairs
	10 am	Coffee Morning

<b>Wed 12th</b>	<i>ctd</i>	10 am	Parent & Toddler
		2.30 pm	Talking Poetry – A Ballad
		6 pm	St John Ambulance
<b>Thu 13th</b>		10 am	Coffee Morning
		6 pm	Fusion Kids
		7 pm	Fusion Youth
<b>Fri 14th</b>		10 am	Coffee Morning
<b>Sat 15th</b>		10 am	Coffee Morning
		11.30 am	Time for Prayer (in Canteen Room)
<b>Sun 16th</b>		10.30 am	Coffee in the Concourse
	29th in	11 am	The Zone on Sunday
Ordinary Time		11 am	Morning Worship including dedication of Youth Workers and Pastoral Visitors Preacher: Rev. Julia Monaghan Porch: Linda Helsey

Please give any items for the next notice sheet to Paul McDowell in the Administrator's office, or by e-mail to [admin@wesleymethodist.org.uk](mailto:admin@wesleymethodist.org.uk) or phone to 01702 711851, by 9.45 am each Friday.

**Time for Healing** – just a reminder that the next meeting of the group is on Saturday 22 October (please note date change from 15th) in the Canteen Room. Please drop in at any time between 11.30 am - 12.30 pm. It is always good to see the meeting of the churchgoers who turn up and those lovely people who just come off the street, as it is open to anyone. So please come and join us if you can, and give, receive, or just take much needed time out. The following meeting is on Saturday 19 November.

**Autumn Fair, Saturday 29 October** – We are planning to have a cake stall at this event and therefore we require cakes. Wesley has a wonderful reputation for being generous so we are counting on you for this occasion too. Also if you are able to donate a prize for the raffle, box of chocolates or toiletry gifts that would also be much appreciated. As would any offers of help on the day, either the whole event or part of. Please see June Childs or Gaye Greenway with your offers or for further information. Thank you.

**Use and promotion of our new flexible worship and community space – update** – With the parable of the mustard seed in mind, and the idea of a project releasing its potential that the birds of the air might come to nest in its branches, I would like to call a group together to consider the use and promotion of our new flexible worship and community space. Please contact me if you would be interested in joining. 20 October has proved to be impossible, so our first meeting will be on **Wednesday 9 November at 7.30 pm**. Blessings, Rev Julia.

### Leigh Lights Night

On Friday 25 November our sanctuary may or may not be ready for us to use so what to do? Most importantly if we want to be part of the community we must offer something. It will not be a Christmas tree Festival as it requires time to put up trees etc. It could be a display of numerous Nativity sets as we have done before if the space in the church is OK for people to come in and they could be displayed to the Sunday morning. Or we could decorate the hoardings that Mary Lister has created and just be outside on either side for one night. If you have another idea do let me know. It may well be last minute so please respond rapidly – I know you will. – Thank you, Jane Fulford.

### Held in His hand, 9.30 am – 3 pm, Belfairs, Saturday 26 November

Do you ever wonder if or how you can feel safe in God's hand? Come and join us for a Quiet Day at the beginning of Advent. Contact Anne on 01702 297508 or [6aug88@waitrose.com](mailto:6aug88@waitrose.com) to book a place.

### Trip to the Ballet, Sadler's Wells, 2.30 pm, Friday 30 December

Dear Friends, I have been asked by various people if I would arrange a ballet trip to see Matthew Bourne's new ballet, The Red Shoes. I have managed to reserve tickets and the theatre will hold them until 11 October. There is a sign up sheet in the concourse. The tickets are £35 for the 2nd Circle and £58 for the 1st Circle, plus about £10 for the coach. – Rev Julia.

### Night Shelter – volunteers needed

We are looking into volunteers being able to help out at the night shelter at Leigh Road Baptist Church (LRBC) on Monday nights / Tuesday mornings from 5 December to 27 March. LRBC has a good number of potential volunteers and a manager, but more are needed. We need to assess whether we gave sufficient help to cover all the needs. So we'd be looking for an indication in what area people would be able to help and how frequently (every week, every other week, once a month). Guidelines as to areas of help needed are: 1) 6-9.30 pm, setting up premises and welcoming guests, or cooking, serving and washing up the evening meal; 2) 9.30 pm-7 am, 3 men and 2 women to sleep over, one man to be awake during 3 shifts; 3) 6.30-8 am, preparing, serving and washing up breakfast, or clearing up and cleaning. There is a meeting for volunteers at **The Stables, LRBC, at 7.30 pm on Monday 10 October**, to explain more fully and for any questions to be asked. Training will be provided. If interested, please do contact Martin Scott on [martinnscott@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:martinnscott@tiscali.co.uk).

### Prayer Diary

9 Sun May we pray unceasingly. We give thanks for a week of assisted prayer and a week of prayer for world peace. We pray for all of those who will participate in both of these events, that they will learn to pray meaningfully in their paired partnerships deriving a deeper understanding of how to have conversations with you.

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